

House Resolution No. 4873

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Kenneth Warren Ackley lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Patricia Ann Foster, during a solemn ceremony on August 31, 1957, at Old Holy Trinity Church in Aurora, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Ken and Patricia Ackley have had the pleasure of raising four children and four nieces and nephews, Tina Ackley, Chris Ackley, Suretta Ackley, Jill Ackley, Terrie Barnett, Mike Barnett, Kimberly Barnett, and Jimalea Pollard-Merritt; and the privilege of spoiling fourteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Ken Ackley has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a retired construction worker and farmer; a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who is building a Veteran's Memorial at Maple Park Cemetery; a recipient of the Top Dawg Award from the Aurora Chamber of Commerce; Chairperson for the Ye Olde Mining Days; and a member of the Ozarks Genealogical Society, the Lawrence County Historical Society, the Chamber of Commerce, the Aurora Historical Society, the American Legion, and the Lions Club; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Patricia Ackley has further distinguished herself by being a nurses aide, a licensed practice nurse, a registered nurse, a school and church volunteer, and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Ken and Patricia Ackley have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Ackley of Verona commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on August 25, 2007, at Holy Trinity Church in Aurora:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Ken and Patricia Ackley and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Warren Ackley.

Offered by _____
Representative Don Ruzicka
District No. 132

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4873, adopted September 27, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker